

House File 420 - Introduced

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BY BALTIMORE

A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring that public schools and accredited nonpublic
2 schools cause the pledge of allegiance to be recited each
3 school day.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 280.5, Code 2011, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **280.5 Display of United States flag and Iowa state flag —**
4 **recitation of pledge of allegiance.**

5 1. The board of directors of each public school district
6 and the authorities in charge of each nonpublic school shall
7 provide and maintain a suitable flagstaff on each school site
8 under its control, and the United States flag and the Iowa
9 state flag shall be raised on all school days when weather
10 conditions are suitable.

11 2. The board of directors of each public school and the
12 authorities in charge of each nonpublic school shall cause the
13 pledge of allegiance to be recited each school day. Persons
14 reciting the pledge of allegiance shall stand holding their
15 right hand over their heart. A student shall not be compelled,
16 against the student's objections or those of the student's
17 parent or guardian, to recite the pledge of allegiance,
18 but shall be required to maintain a respectful silence. A
19 nonpublic school is exempt from this requirement if the
20 authorities in charge of a nonpublic school determine that this
21 requirement conflicts with the school's religious doctrines.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill requires the board of directors of each public
24 school and the authorities in charge of each accredited
25 nonpublic school to cause the pledge of allegiance to be
26 recited each school day. Persons reciting the pledge of
27 allegiance must stand holding their right hand over their
28 heart. A student shall not be compelled against the student's
29 objections, or those of the student's parent or guardian,
30 to recite the pledge, but shall be required to maintain a
31 respectful silence. A nonpublic school is exempted if the
32 requirement conflicts with the school's religious doctrines.